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SUBJECT: 2009 HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT PREVIEW FOR THE MFA

REF: A. 9/23 STEWART-GABR MEETING READOUT B. CAIRO 1044 C. CAIRO 930 Classified By: Economic-Political Minister-Counselor Donald A. Blome for r 1.(C) On October 26, we previewed for MFA Deputy Director for Human Rights Omar Shalaby the main issues we expect the 2009 human rights report

2.(C) Shalaby noted that the Egyptian press regularly criticizes President Mubarak and other senior GOE officials, and that about 160,000 blogs

3.(C) Shalaby committed to passing us information on selected issues for the report. When we noted that the Department released the 2008 report